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REPORT.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,
BOARD OF CONTROL,
Office of the Secretary.
Santa Fe, December 28, 1906. }

Hon. Herbert J. Hagerman, Governor of New Mexico:

SIR:—In accordance with your instructions, of date the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the Board of Control from the date of its organization up to and including the 57th fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

ALPHEUS A. KEEN,
Secretary Board of Control.

The Board of Control, now organized and existing under and by virtue of Chapters 102 and 111, New Mexico Laws of 1905, held its first meeting in the City of Santa Fe, on June 9, 1905. The personnel of this board, as provided for in said acts, consists of one irrigation commissioner for each water division, the territorial irrigation engineer, and the commissioner of public lands, acting as ex-officio secretary; and it is made the duty of each irrigation commissioner to work in conjunction with the territorial irrigation engineer, to assume and have general supervision of irrigation matters in his division, and meet in session on the first Monday of January, April, July and October of each year as a Board of Control.

During the period covered by this report—56th and 57th fiscal years—the Board of Control has held but two meetings, and most of its time was devoted to disposing of the business pending before the commission of irrigation, abolished, and an endeavor to determine, as definitely as might be, the powers and duties of its members as irrigation commissioners, and the powers and duties of said irrigation commissioners as a Board of Control, owing to apparent conflicts in certain of the provisions under which it exists.

The Board of Control being a new branch of the territorial government, and matters of irrigation in New Mexico being in their infancy, it has been found that the business coming before said board for adjudication, up to the present time, is insufficient to justify the expenditure of money necessary in holding the quarterly meetings provided for by law, and it has been deemed advisable, for the best interests of the Territory, that meetings should be held only at such times as matters pending before in the office of the secretary would seem to justify. It has also been found that of the provisions governing irrigation matters under the control of this board, some are inapplicable to the present conditions surrounding irrigation enterprises in New Mexico, and the consensus of opinion of the members of said board is that, in order to accomplish the results anticipated, those provisions should be so changed or modified as to apply directly to the prevailing demands for the advancement of irrigation matters as they now exist.

There has been no money collected by this board on account of matters coming before it, provided for by Section 38, Chapter 102, Laws of 1905, and while it is, in the discharge of its duties, charged with the disbursement of moneys placed to the credit of the water reservoirs for irrigating purposes and the Improvement of the Rio Grande in New Mexico Funds, owing to the fact that other departments of the territorial government are authorized to disburse moneys out of said funds, the condition thereof can only be presented by the following financial statement, as shown by the records of the territorial auditor.

WATER RESERVOIR INCOME FUND, 56TH FISCAL YEAR.

December 2, 1904, Balance.....	\$ 818 99
January 7, 1905, Credit.....	1,258 93
February 2, 1905, Credit.....	13 18
May 2, 1905, Credit.....	800 00
June 1, 1905, Credit.....	793 00
October 26, 1905, Credit.....	2,217 88
November 6, 1905, Credit.....	1,454 68
	\$ 7,356 66

Disbursements for the 56th fiscal		
year by board of Control.	\$ 1,295 63	
Territorial Irrigation Engineer.	1,901 56	
Commissioner of Public Lands.	7 85	3,205 04
		\$ 4,151 62

December 1, 1906 Balance.	\$ 4,151 00	
December 18, " Credit.	600 62	
February 2, 1906 "	530 06	
November 1, " "	60 00	
		\$ 5,341 68

Disbursements for the 57th fiscal		
year by Board of Control.	\$	
Territorial Irrigation Engineer.	2,662 26	
Commissioner of Public Lands	83 00	
Transfer to Elephant Butte Water		
Users' Association.	592 55	3,337 81
		\$ 2,002 87

WATER RESERVOIR PERMANENT FUND, 56TH FISCAL YEAR.	
December 1, 1904, balance.	\$ 60 00
IMPROVEMENT RIO GRANDE INCOME FUND, 56TH FISCAL YEAR.	
December 1, 1904, balance	\$ 1,218 97
December 7, 1904, credit	169 30
October 26, 1905, credit	1,970 76
	\$ 3,359 03

Disbursements for the 56th fiscal year		
by Board of Control.	\$ 879 70	
Territorial Irrigation Engineer	445 75	
Commissioner of Public Lands	7 00	1,332 45
		\$ 2,026 58
December 1, 1905, balance	2,026 58	
December 18, 1905, credit	551 13	
February 5, 1906, credit	500 73	
March 1, 1906, credit	1,300 00	
		\$ 4,378 44

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Disbursements for the 57th fiscal year		
by transfer to Elephant Butte Water		
Users' Association of New Mexico.	\$ 432 26	
Commissioner of Public Lands.....	2 60	
		\$ 434 86
		\$ 3,943 58

IMPROVEMENT RIO GRANDE PERMANENT FUND,
56TH FISCAL YEAR.

January 7, 1905, credit.....	\$5,760 00	
Disbursements for the 56th fiscal year		
by transfer to territorial institutions		
January 7, 1905.....	\$ 1,277 16	
Transfer to Elephant Butte Water		
Users Association of New Mexico		
April 3, 1905.....	2,500 00	
		3,777 16
		\$ 1,982 84
December 1, 1905, balance ...	\$ 1,982 84	
December 18, 1905, credit.....	5,751 12	
February 5, 1906	6,113 79	
		\$13,847 75

Disbursements for the 57th fiscal year		
by transfer to Elephant Butte Water		
Users' Association of New Mexico,		
January 18, 1905.....	\$ 575 11	
Transfer to Elephant Butte Water		
Users' Association of New Mexico,		
February 6, 1906	611 38	
		1,186. 49
		\$12,661 27